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COMPILER'S PREFACE

THE following forms of prayer have taken shape gradually, as need arose. In a daily intercession service, it is far from satisfactory to use the same forms again and again; and, although at times it is comparatively easy to improvise an informal service, it frequently happens that the pressure of work, or some other cause, makes this almost impossible. Further, it is well in such intercession services, that the congregation should be able to join intelligently, and to make responses: also that they should learn to value the riches of the Psalter, and discover its appropriateness for special uses.

This is the Compiler's apology for adding one more to the many books of the kind already in existence.

The following points should be noted—

(1) As the war prolongs itself, fresh subjects needing prayer continually arise; and unless the whole ground to be covered is dealt with more or less systematically, omissions are apt to occur. The index will show that, as far as may be, an attempt is here made to recall in regular order, in the course of each week, the most urgent subjects.

(2) The book is arranged on liturgical lines, and although the Compiler can himself make no claim to any special knowledge of the kind, his friend, the Rev. W. C. Bishop, until recently Rector of Orsett, well known as one of our best liturgical experts, has been kind enough to go through it and make suggestions.

(3) It is taken for granted that it will be used with modifications. Some may feel that they cannot appropriate all the thanksgivings or prayers: they will, of course, use their own discretion in omitting or adding.

In a few instances alternative Psalms are suggested. The "Gloria" should be said in every case after the Psalm.

No attempt has been made to suggest Hymns, which can easily be inserted, and spaces may be left for the mention of individual names.

(4) The connection of a petition in the Lord's Prayer with each day's devotions may be a help to concentration of thought.

(5) Pauses should be made, of such length as is found desirable, after each of the biddings.*

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* Monseigneur Duchesne, in *Christian Worship* (translated by M. L. McClure), page 107, speaking of forms of worship in the early ages of the Church, says: "The president of the congregation, that is, the officiating minister, invited the faithful to pray to God, indicating sometimes more or less briefly the general tenor of the prayer in which they were to join, and, at others, confining himself to a short formula of invitation. The congregation then assumed silently the attitude of prayer—that is, they stood with their arms raised up and hands extended. On certain days they were accustomed to kneel, or even to prostrate themselves with their faces to the ground. They remained in this position for some time, praying silently. Then the voice of the officiating minister was heard, expressing in a short formulary a *résumé*, as it were, of the prayers arising from every heart, and the congregation associated themselves with him by the response *Amen*."

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It is hoped that those who use this book will abbreviate the daily forms of devotion at their discretion, and also that they will frequently use the penitential devotions provided on pp. 2-4.

WAR PRAYERS FOR A WEEK

For Use before the Service.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, etc.

O God, our refuge and strength, who art the Author of all godliness; be ready, we beseech thee, to hear the devout prayers of thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or one of the following.

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

We beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Use after the Service.

V. O Saviour of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us:

R. Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

V. O Lord, hear our prayer:

R. And let our cry come unto thee.

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve ; pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy ; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

Or one of the following.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking ; we beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities ; and those things which, for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in thy Son's Name ; we beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ears unto us that have made now our prayers and supplications unto thee ; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

The following should be used, according to opportunity, with the Daily Prayers.

PENITENCE.

Let us make an act of penitence for our own sins and those of our nation.

We offer thee our sorrow, O Lord,

For our sins and shortcomings as a nation, by which we have grieved and offended thee.

For our forgetfulness of thy love, and our deafness to thy calls,

For our worldliness, and unbelief.
 For our blindness to the things of the unseen world.
 For our forgetfulness of the Communion of Saints.
 For the fewness and the coldness of our prayers.
 For our unworthy and scanty penitence.
 For our neglect of the means of grace, and forgetfulness of our many blessings.
 For our selfishness and self-indulgence.
 For our pride and lack of discipline.
 For our coldness and faithlessness.
 For our class divisions, and bitterness.
 For our failure to realise the unity of mankind.
 For our many inconsistencies which have hindered others from believing in the truth of thy Gospel.
 For our lack of self-denying love for those for whom Christ died.
 For our indifference to the spread of thy Kingdom.
 For our blindness to the spiritual needs of the world.
 For our failure to spread abroad our Holy Faith.
 For our failure in generosity.
 For the divisions of Christendom which hinder the spread of the Gospel.
 For the weakness of our faith and love which the war has revealed.

* *Ant.* Enter not into judgment with thy servant, O Lord : for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

PSALM LI. 9-15.

Turn thy face from my sins : and put out all my misdeeds.
 Make me a clean heart, O God : and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence : and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again : and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked : and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health : and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord : and my mouth shall shew thy praise.

*Repeat Antiphon * all together.*

V. If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss.

R. O Lord, who may abide it?

Let us pray.

O God, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us; for the honour of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate.

Amen.

Or one of the following.

O Lord, we beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O Lord, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences, that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins which by our frailty we have committed: grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

SUNDAY *

“Our Father, which art in Heaven.”

I. Thanksgiving.

Let us give thanks to Almighty God—

For the peace that springs from trust in his presence and over-ruling providence.

For his mercy in sparing us hitherto, and giving us space for repentance.

For his bringing us through distress and trouble to a truer sense of sin.

For the deepened sense of unity and brotherhood in the Empire.

For all the manifestations of his presence, and the leadings of his providence.

For the heroic deeds of self-sacrifice and valour which have served to ennoble the present conflict. ✓

For the power of suffering to elevate and purify the nation. ✓

For the courage, strength and confidence which the justice of our cause inspires. ✓

For the love and unselfishness which lie hidden behind the fierceness of war. ✓

For his Hand of power that can turn affliction into fruitful blessing.

For the widespread spirit of service which the war is calling forth. ✓

For the power of the Church to bring comfort and consolation to the afflicted by her ministry, sacraments and prayers.

For the openings now given to the Church to draw men nearer to their God.

For the continued favour and blessing granted to our missionary endeavours.

* For prayers before and after the service, *see* pp. 1, 2.

Ant. Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty : for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine.

PSALM CXLVI.

Praise the Lord, O my soul ; while I live will I praise the Lord : yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God.

O put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man : for there is no help in them.

For when the breath of man goeth forth he shall turn again to his earth : and then all his thoughts perish.

Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help : and whose hope is in the Lord his God ;

Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is : who keepeth his promise for ever ;

Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong : who feedeth the hungry.

The Lord looseth men out of prison : the Lord giveth sight to the blind.

The Lord helpeth them that are fallen : the Lord careth for the righteous.

The Lord careth for the strangers ; he defendeth the fatherless and widow : as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.

The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore : and throughout all generations.

Repeat Antiphon all together.

V. Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help :

R. And whose hope is in the Lord his God.

Glory to our ascended Lord
for that he is with us always.

Glory to the Word of God,
going forth with his armies,
conquering and to conquer.

Glory to him who hath led captivity captive,
and hath given gifts for the perfecting of his saints

Glory to him who hath gone before
to prepare a place in his Father's home for us.

Glory to the Author and Finisher of our Faith :
that God in all things may be glorified
through Jesus Christ :

To whom be all worship and praise,
dominion and glory,
now, and for ever and ever. *Amen.*

(Sursum Corda.)

II. Let us pray for the extension of God's Kingdom.

Hear us, O merciful Lord, and grant that thy overruling providence, and the right hand of thy power may guide for good all the issues of the war.

Leave us not, neither forsake us, O God of our salvation : for the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day.

We beseech thee—

That it may please thee to restore peace to the world, and if it be thy will, victory to our arms. ✓

That thou wilt bring good out of the present evils, and make a new way for the coming of thy Kingdom.

That thou wilt restore again thy Church to outward unity, and thereby to a new and fuller power for the evangelization of the world.

That the kingdoms of this world may become the Kingdom of Christ, and that he may reign for ever and ever.

That through common trouble the many separated Christian bodies may be drawn together in the unity of the Faith.

That this time may be the beginning of a new era in the missionary progress of the Church.

That thou wilt guide the counsels and efforts of our Missionary Societies in this time of difficulty and perplexity.

That thou wilt give us a deeper experience of prayer, and a fuller reliance on its power.

That churchmen may have grace to meet, by increasing self-denial, the claims made upon them by the war.

That our overseas Missions may not be allowed to suffer through the diversion of money to other charitable purposes.

- ✓ That the present distress may issue in a great revival of religion in the Nation and in the Empire.
- That thou wilt extend thy fatherly Hand to protect the Church, throughout the Empire and the world, in this time of world-wide trouble.
- ✱ That thou wilt grant to the Church special grace and guidance to turn to good account the present opportunity.
- That thou wilt protect and provide for all missionaries (especially ——) who have been brought into anxiety, necessity, or danger, through the war.
- That many men of zeal and spiritual power may be drawn to volunteer for the missionary army of the Church.
- That thou wilt bless all students who are training for the priesthood, and give them courage to hold fast to their vocation.
- That parents may find their highest joy and privilege in dedicating their children to the service of the Church.
- That the faith and devotion of newly-founded churches and newly-won converts may not be shaken by the example of the war.

Ant. Desire of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance : and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession.

PSALM II.

Why do the heathen so furiously rage together : and why do the people imagine a vain thing ?

The kings of the earth stand up, and the rulers take counsel together : against the Lord, and against his Anointed.

Let us break their bonds asunder : and cast away their cords from us.

He that dwelleth in heaven shall laugh them to scorn : the Lord shall have them in derision.

Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath : and vex them in his sore displeasure.

Yet have I set my King : upon my holy hill of Sion.

I will preach the law, whereof the Lord hath said unto me : Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

Desire of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance : and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession.

Thou shall bruise them with a rod of iron : and break them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

Be wise now therefore, O ye kings : be learned, ye that are judges of the earth.

Serve the Lord in fear : and rejoice unto him with reverence.

Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and so ye perish from the right way : if his wrath be kindled, (yea, but a little,) blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

Repeat Antiphon all together.

V. His dominion shall be also from the one sea to the other :

R. And from the flood unto the world's end.

Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who canst bring good out of evil, and makest even the wrath of man to turn to thy praise ; we beseech thee so to order and dispose the issue of this war, that we may be brought through strife to a lasting peace, and that the nations of the world may be united in a firmer fellowship for the promotion of thy glory and the good of all mankind ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Or,

O God of all the nations of the earth, remember the multitude of the heathen, who, though created in thine image, are perishing in darkness and ignorance ; and grant that, by the prayers and labours of thy holy Church, they may be delivered from all ignorance and unbelief and brought to worship thee, the one true God, through him whom thou hast sent to be our salvation, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(Sursum Corda.)

III. Let us pray for Peace.

Ant. I will break in pieces the gates of brass : and cut in sunder the bars of iron.

PSALM CXXII.

I was glad when they said unto me : we will go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand in thy gates : O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city : that is at unity in itself.

For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord : to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.

For there is the seat of judgement : even the seat of the house of David.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem : they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls : and plenteousness within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes : I will wish thee prosperity.

Yes, because of the house of the Lord our God : I will seek to do thee good.

Repeat Antiphon all together.

V. The Lord shall give strength unto his people.

R. The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Let us pray.

O God, by whose gracious providence all things in heaven and earth are ruled : hear our prayers, we beseech thee, and restore peace in our time, that we, and all Christian people, may praise thy holy name in godly union and concord ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Or one of the following.

O God, who callest peacemakers thy children, and hast declared that thou wilt scatter nations that delight in war : we beseech thee that, as thou didst send thy Son with the heavenly voice of peace on earth to be the Prince of Peace to men, so thou wilt keep our hearts and minds in his peace, and make us both to love and to defend the same. Guide the counsels of the King and of all princes and governors in equity and steadfastness towards the establishment of unity and concord among the nations, that all mankind may render thee the fruits of peace and righteousness ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O thou hope of all the ends of the earth,
Remember thy whole creation for good,
Visit the world in thy compassion.

O thou preserver of men, O loving Lord,
Remember all our race,
And have mercy upon all.

O King of all nations throughout the world,
Strengthen all the states of the inhabited world,
As being thine appointment, though an ordinance of
man.

O thou expectation and hope of the isles,
Save this island, and every country wherein we dwell,
From all affliction, peril, and necessity. *Amen.*
(*Sursum Corda.*)

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all
things in heaven and earth : mercifully hear the suppli-
cations of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days
of our life ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of
this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance,
that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly
quietness ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MONDAY *

“Hallowed be thy Name.” .

I. The King and the Realm.

Let us pray

For the King, the Government, and all who are in positions of responsibility and influence.

✓ For our King—

✓ That he may triumph over every foe.

That he may long reign over us in peace.

That he may ever protect and guard this realm in righteousness and in the fear of God.

For the Ministers of our King—

That they may be guided aright in the ruling of the nation.

That they may act with wisdom, resolution, and steadfastness.

Ant. By me kings rule : and princes decree justice.

PSALM XLVII.

O clap your hands together, all ye people : O sing unto God with the voice of melody.

For the Lord is high, and to be feared : he is the great King upon all the earth.

He shall subdue the people under us : and the nations under our feet.

He shall choose out an heritage for us : even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved.

God is gone up with a merry noise : and the Lord with the sound of the trump.

* The penitential prayers (*see* p. 2) might be used on this day.

O sing praises, sing praises unto our God : O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.

For God is the King of all the earth : sing ye praises with understanding.

God reigneth over the heathen : God sitteth upon his holy seat.

The princes of the people are joined unto the people of the God of Abraham : for God, which is very high exalted, doth defend the earth, as it were with a shield.

Repeat Antiphon all together.

V. O Lord, save the king :

R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Let us pray.

Bless, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, our country and all the colonies and dependencies thereof. Give thine abundant grace to our Sovereign Lord, King George, and to all who bear office throughout the realm, that in all things we may be governed righteously, and in thy fear ; and grant to us not only such outward prosperity as is according to thy will, but, above all things, such virtue and true religion that thy holy Name may be ever glorified in the midst of us ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or one of the following.

O God, who hast taught us to make supplications unto thee for kings and all who are in authority, look mercifully upon all such for whom we are bound to pray, and grant that under their guidance we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God of all kingdoms, who art guardian of every Christian realm, grant to thy servant George, our King, to triumph over every foe, that, as he hath been consecrated to rule by thy divine providence, so, by thy protection he may long reign in righteousness and peace ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(Sursum Corda.)

Let us pray

That guidance may be given to our rulers in the state, and especially at this time to the Prime Minister, and to all those who are associated with him in the government of the country.

- ✓ That this time of discipline may be for our spiritual and moral awakening.
- That we may be given a clearer vision of God's will for the ordering of national and social life.
- That national aims and ideals may be exalted, and that the Name of God may be hallowed amongst us.
- That we may have a more truly Christian conscience concerning the dangers of riches, the distress of poverty, the dignity of labour whether of head or hand.
- That as a nation we may rely more on the grace of God, and may learn to know and worship him.
- That each one of us may carry his religion more faithfully into his public and private daily life.
- That the government and legislature may seek before all things to promote the glory of God and the welfare of the nation.
- That all Christian members of parliament may have courage, in speech and vote, to be true to their Faith.
- That all righteous reforms may be pressed forward, and passed by parliament.
- That wisdom and guidance may be given to the bishops in the House of Lords.
- That all judges, magistrates, and police may faithfully accomplish God's holy Will.
- That crime may diminish.

Ant. Righteousness exalteth a nation : but sin is a reproach to any people.

PSALM XXIV. 1-6.

The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is : the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas : and prepared it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord : or who shall rise up in his holy place ?

Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart : and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord : and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him : even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.

Repeat Antiphon all together.

V. It is God that girdeth me with strength of war :
 R. And maketh my way perfect.

Let us pray.

O God, who gavest thy Holy Spirit to the elders of thy people Israel : give wisdom to all parliaments and councils unto whom thou hast entrusted the government of thy servants, especially to the parliament of our realm, and the Ministers of the Crown, that they may faithfully execute what thy Divine providence has ordained for the welfare of the world and the extension of thy Kingdom ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*
(Sursum Corda.)

Or the following.

King of kings, and Lord of lords,
 Remember all rulers to whom thou hast
 given authority in the earth.
 Remember our king and his ministers,
 Work with them ever more and more ;
 Speak good things unto their hearts
 On behalf of thy Church and all thy people.

O thou who ordainest the powers that be,
 Grant to the parliament and convocations
 thy holy Wisdom.
 Grant to those who are chief in court and council,
 To be chief also in virtue and in thy holy Fear.
(Sursum Corda.)

II. The Church in this Land, and Chaplains in the Navy and Army.

Let us pray

That the Church may with more fidelity acknowledge
 Christ's call
 to preach the Gospel to the poor ;
 to heal the broken-hearted ;
 to bring deliverance to the captives ;
 to set at liberty those that are bound in the fetters
 of sin.

That she may be granted
a stronger faith in the power and righteousness of
God ;
a more vigorous hope in the coming of the
Kingdom ;
a more sincere love of the will of God ;
a truer understanding of the mind of Christ.

That she may recover her ideals of
faithfulness in doctrine ;
firmness in discipline ;
earnestness in devotion.

That those divided within the Church may be drawn
closer together in unity ; those separated from the
Church may be re-united with her.

That, as a Nation and Empire, we may recognize
the duty of national obligations ;
our responsibility as stewards under God ;
our relationship in brotherhood within the Empire,
and to those without ;
the higher possibilities of national righteousness ;
of more effective corporate life ; of the sacredness
of secular things.

That our bishops may be given wisdom, and a spirit of
governance.

That all priests may be deepened in their spiritual life,
and may wisely direct their flocks ; and that a loyal
response may be made by their people.

That to all who are being trained for the priesthood may
be given purity, devotion, and entire self-surrender.

Let us pray

For all naval and military chaplains, that they may be
guided and blessed in their ministry, especially
in dealing with the sick and dying ;
in rousing the impenitent ;
in strengthening the faithful ;
in ministering the Sacraments.

Ant. And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying,
Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will
dwell with them : and they shall be his people, and God
himself shall be with them, and shall be their God.

PSALM XLVIII.

Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised : in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.

The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth : upon the north side lieth the city of the great King ; God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.

For lo, the kings of the earth : are gathered, and gone by together.

They marvelled to see such things : they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.

Fear came there upon them, and sorrow : as upon a woman in her travail.

Thou shalt break the ships of the sea : through the east-wind.

Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God : God upholdeth the same for ever.

We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God : in the midst of thy temple.

O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end : thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Let the mount Sion rejoice, and the daughter of Judah be glad : because of thy judgements.

Walk about Sion, and go round about her : and tell the towers thereof.

Mark well her bulwarks, set up her houses : that ye may tell them that come after.

For this God is our God for ever and ever : he shall be our guide unto death.

Repeat Antiphon all together.

V. He that sat upon the Throne said :

R. Behold I make all things new.

Let us pray.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on thy whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery ; and by the tranquil operation of thy perpetual Providence carry out the work of man's salvation ; and let the whole world feel and see that things which were cast down are being raised up, that those which had grown old are being made new ; and that all things are returning to perfection, through him from whom they took their origin, even through our Lord Jesus Christ, *Amen.*

TUESDAY

“Thy Kingdom come.”

I. The British Empire.

We pray thee—

To draw together in a closer bond with the mother country the outlying portions of the British Empire.

To grant that in India the war may unite Englishmen and natives in sympathy and mutual respect.

To grant to the Australian Commonwealth and other Dominions and Dependencies the spirit of true religion, and the casting out of worldliness.

To break down the barriers which hold apart the white and coloured races, especially in South Africa.

Ant. Let them give glory unto the Lord : and declare his praise in the islands.

PSALM CXXVI.

When the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion : then were we like unto them that dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter : and our tongue with joy.

Then said they among the heathen : The Lord hath done great things for them.

Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already : whereof we rejoice.

Turn our captivity, O Lord : as the rivers in the south.

They that sow in tears : shall reap in joy.

He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed : shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

Repeat Antiphon all together.

V. Look down from thy holy habitation :
 R. And bless thy people and the land which thou hast given us.

Let us pray.

Bless, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, our country and all our colonics, dominions, and dependencies. Give thine abundant grace to our King, and to all who bear office throughout the realm, that in all things we may be governed righteously and in thy fear : and grant to us not only such outward prosperity as is according to thy will, but above all things such virtue and true religion that thy holy Name may be ever glorified in the midst of us ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

II. Our Allies.

Let us pray for

The French ;

The Russians ;

The Italians ;

The Belgians, Serbians, and others ;

For the revival of true religion ;
 the sanctification of suffering ;
 support in anxiety and trial ;

Guidance for all nations which are still neutral.

Let us pray—

For wise co-operation.

For the breaking down of all that has kept us apart
 in the past.

For the removal of all prejudice, mistrust, and misunderstanding.

For victory to our arms.

For constant loyalty to truth and justice.

For the permanence of the present union of nations,
 and the healing of the divisions of Christendom.

Ant. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it : and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

PSALM CXXIV.

If the Lord himself had not been on our side, now may Israel say : if the Lord himself had not been on our side, when men rose up against us ;

They had swallowed us up quick : when they were so wrathfully displeased at us.

Yea, the waters had drowned us : and the stream had gone over our soul.

The deep waters of the proud : had gone even over our soul.

But praised be the Lord : who hath not given us over for a prey unto their teeth.

Our soul is escaped even as a bird out of the snare of the fowler : the snare is broken, and we are delivered.

Our help staudeth in the Name of the Lord : who hath made heaven and earth.

Repeat Antiphon all together.

℣. All kings shall fall down before him :

℞. All nations shall do him service.

Let us pray.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light ; look favourably on thy whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery ; and by the tranquil operation of thy perpetual providence carry out the work of man's salvation ; and let the whole world feel and see that things which were cast down are being raised up, that those which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are returning to perfection through him from whom they took their origin, even through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Or the following may be used.

Ant. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it : or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

PSALM CXXII.

I was glad when they said unto me : We will go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand in thy gates : O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city : that is at unity in itself.

For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord : to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.

For there is the seat of judgement : even the seat of the house of David.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem : they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls : and plenteousness within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes : I will wish thee prosperity.

Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God : I will seek to do thee good.

Repeat Antiphon all together.

V. The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man : to profit withal.

R. But it is the same God that worketh all in all.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed ; kindle, we pray thee, in the hearts of all men the true love of peace, and guide with thy pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquillity thy Kingdom may go forward, till the earth be filled with the knowledge of thy love ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or,

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified : receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church ; that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee ; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

III. Our Sailors.

Let us pray for our sailors at home and abroad, that they may be strengthened to withstand the temptations which beset them, and may be true to their Christian calling.

Let us pray especially for those in positions of great danger, that they may have patience and steadfastness.

Ant. The Lord sitteth above the water-flood : and the Lord remaineth a King for ever.

PSALM CVII. 19-31.

When they cried unto the Lord in their trouble : he delivered them out of their distress.

He sent his word, and healed them : and they were saved from their destruction.

O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness : and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men !

That they would offer unto him the sacrifice of thanksgiving : and tell out his works with gladness !

They that go down to the sea in ships : and occupy their business in great waters ;

These men see the works of the Lord : and his wonders in the deep.

For at his word the stormy wind ariseth : which lifteth up the waves thereof.

They are carried up to the heaven, and down again to the deep : their soul melteth away because of the trouble.

They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man : and are at their wit's end.

So when they cry unto the Lord in their trouble : he delivereth them out of their distress.

For he maketh the storm to cease : so that the waves thereof are still.

Then are they glad, because they are at rest : and so he bringeth them unto the haven where they would be.

O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness : and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men !

Repeat Antiphon all together.

℣. The Lord shall give strength unto his people :

℟. The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Let us pray.

O Lord, who slumberest not nor sleepest, protect we pray thee our sailors from the hidden perils of the sea, from the snares and assaults of the enemy. In the anxious hours of waiting steady and support them ; and grant that in dangers often, in weariness often, they may serve thee with a quiet mind ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IV. Our Soldiers.

Let us pray—

For our soldiers of all ranks and grades, that they may be loyal to their heavenly King.

For those in the fighting line.

For those in posts of special danger.

✓ For those going under fire for the first time.

For courage and strength to bear all discomforts and distresses.

For the protection of the Holy Angels.

For the deepening of their faith.
For a constant sense of God's presence.
For a spirit of prayer.
For strength in temptation.
For perseverance in good resolutions.
For unselfish comradeship.
For those now in training at home, that they may
persevere in temperance, purity, and self-restraint.
For the diminution of temptations.
For those travelling by sea or land.
For safety for our transports.

Ant. The Lord is my stony rock and my defence : my Saviour, my God, and my might, in whom I will trust, my buckler, the horn also of my salvation, and my refuge.

PSALM XVIII. 1-2 ; 29-38.

I will love thee, O Lord, my strength ; the Lord is my stony rock, and my defence : my Saviour, my God, and my might, in whom I will trust, my buckler, the horn also of my salvation, and my refuge.

I will call upon the Lord, which is worthy to be praised : so shall I be safe from mine enemies.

For in thee I shall discomfit an host of men : and with the help of my God I shall leap over the wall.

The way of God is an undefiled way : the word of the Lord also is tried in the fire ; he is the defender of all them that put their trust in him.

For who is God, but the Lord : or who hath any strength, except our God ?

It is God, that girdeth me with strength of war : and maketh my way perfect.

He maketh my feet like harts' feet : and setteth me up on high.

He teacheth mine hands to fight : and mine arms shall break even a bow of steel.

Thou hast given me the defence of thy salvation : thy right hand also shall hold me up, and thy loving correction shall make me great.

Thou shalt make room enough under me for to go : that my footsteps shall not slide.

I will follow upon mine enemies, and overtake them : neither will I turn again until I have destroyed them.

I will smite them, that they shall not be able to stand : but fall under my feet.

Repeat Antiphon all together.

V. I will call upon the Lord, which is worthy to be praised :

R. So shall I be safe from mine enemies.

Let us pray.

O Lord God of hosts, stretch forth, we pray thee, thine Almighty arm to strengthen and protect the sailors and soldiers of our king in every peril both of land and sea and air ; shelter them in the day of battle, and in time of peace keep them safe from all evil ; endue them ever with loyalty and courage, and grant that in all things they may serve as seeing thee who art invisible ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or one of the following.

We pray thee, O Lord, to take care of those who are especially dear to each one of us. Shield and defend them from all evil and danger, and, if it be thy gracious will, bring them back safely to their homes ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Everlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order : mercifully grant that, as thy holy Angels always do thee service in heaven, so by thy appointment they may succour and defend us, and those dear to us, on earth ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or the following may be used.

Ant. The Lord of hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our refuge.

PSALM XLVI.

God is our hope and strength : a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved : and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea.

Though the waters thereof rage and swell : and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

Repeat Antiphon all together.

Ant. The Lord of hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our refuge.

The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God : the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.

God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed : God shall help her, and that right early.

The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved : but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.

Repeat Antiphon all together.

Ant. The Lord of hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our refuge.

O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord : what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.

He maketh wars to cease in all the world : he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

Be still then, and know that I am God : I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.

Repeat Antiphon all together.

Ant. The Lord of hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Y. Thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle :

R. Thou shalt throw down mine enemies under me.

Let us pray.

O Lord God of hosts, bless our sailors and soldiers ; keep them pure and loyal amid all their temptations ; and grant that all their operations may tend to peace on earth : that they may fight nobly in their earthly warfare, and may maintain steadfastly the Christian conflict against sin, the world, and the devil, and triumph therein by thy victorious might, O Lord, thou God of hosts. *Amen.*

(Sursum Corda.)

Or one of the following.

Stretch forth, O Lord, the right hand of thy mercy upon those who are serving our cause through perils of war, by sea, and land, and air ; that, seeking thee with

their whole heart, they may have all their need supplied, both in body and soul ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord our God, strong and mighty in battles, we humbly beseech thee, put on the armour of thy might, and arise and help us ; and grant unto us and our Allies that we may conquer and overcome our adversaries ; hear us, we beseech thee, and have mercy ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Note.—The prayer in the Forms of Prayer to be used at Sea (Book of Common Prayer), “to be said before a Fight at Sea,” might also be used.

WEDNESDAY

“Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.”

I. Thanksgiving.

Let us give thanks to Almighty God—

For the movement towards unity in the Church.

For the new hope of a revived faith amongst the nations of Christendom.

For the generous response of the Dominions and Dependencies in men and money. ✓

For the spirit of sacrifice shown by the men who have joined the forces. ✓

For the clearer understanding amongst us of the deep seriousness of the war and its issues. ✓

For the self-sacrificing work of the chaplains in the Navy and Army.

For the skill and organisation of modern medicine, surgery, and nursing.

For the blessing of anæsthetics. ✓

For the devoted services of doctors and nurses.

For the sympathy and brotherly spirit between officers and men.

For the efficiency, courage, and patience of our sailors.

For the safe transport of our troops.

For the courage and self-sacrifice of our troops from overseas.

For our preservation from much suffering endured by other nations.

For the heroism of the wives and mothers of the Empire.

For all lives laid down for King and Country.

For the Fleet : its self-sacrifice, cheerfulness, readiness, comradeship, and unity.

✓ For the deepened faith among many of our soldiers and sailors.

Ant. I will extol thee, O God, my King : and I will bless thy Name for ever and ever.

PSALM CXLVI.

Praise the Lord, O my soul ; while I live will I praise the Lord : yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God.

O put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man : for there is no help in them.

For when the breath of man goeth forth he shall turn again to his earth : and then all his thoughts perish.

Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help : and whose hope is in the Lord his God ;

Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is : who keepeth his promise for ever ;

Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong : who feedeth the hungry.

The Lord looseth men out of prison : the Lord giveth sight to the blind.

The Lord helpeth them that are fallen : the Lord careth for the righteous.

The Lord careth for the strangers ; he defendeth the fatherless and widow : as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.

The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore : and throughout all generations.

Repeat Antiphon all together.

℣. Blessed be the Lord my strength :

℞. Who teacheth my hands to war and my fingers to fight.

Blessed be God.

Blessed be the most Holy and Undivided Trinity.

Blessed be God, the Father Almighty.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, God and Man.

Blessed be the most Holy Name of Jesus.

Blessed be Jesus Christ on his throne of Glory.

Blessed be God the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Blessed be God in the most holy Virgin Mary.

Mother of God.

Blessed be God in his Angels and his Saints.

Blessed be God.

II. An Act of Penitence for our national and individual sins and shortcomings.

LAMENTATIONS III. 40-50.

Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord.

Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens.

We have transgressed and have rebelled; thou hast not pardoned.

Thou hast covered with anger and pursued us; thou hast slain, thou hast not pitied.

Thou hast covered thyself with a cloud, that our prayer should not pass through.

Thou hast made us as the offscouring and refuse in the midst of the peoples.

All our enemies have opened their mouth wide against us.

Fear and the pit are come upon us, devastation and destruction.

Mine eye runneth down with rivers of water, for the destruction of the daughter of my people.

Mine eye poureth down, and ceaseth not, without any intermission.

Till the Lord look down, and behold from heaven.

Let us pray—

That our nation may be drawn nearer to God by the present war. ✓

That the fulfilment of his will may be our ruling desire.

For those who, through trouble, have been brought to think seriously, that they may be led on to a new life, and may persevere.

For a deeper sense of national sin. ✓

For the rooting out of the sins of intemperance and lust. ✓

For the realizing of the sanctity of marriage and of parentage.

For more definite religious instruction for the young, and for a fuller knowledge of the Faith for all who profess and call themselves Christians.

For the children of the wealthier classes, that they may be carefully instructed in the Faith.

For the clergy, that they may have courage given them faithfully to rebuke vice, and to preach penitence.

For the deepening of true religion amongst those whose lives are spent in manual labour.

✓ For a new spirit of reverence, and sense of the unseen world, especially for our mechanics and artisans.

For ourselves, that we may, one and all, be brought to true penitence, and that our sins and errors may be forgiven.

O Lord, though our iniquities testify against us, do thou deliver us : succour us for thy Name's sake, for our backslidings are many ; we have sinned against thee, O the Hope of Israel, the Saviour thereof in time of trouble. Yet thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy Name : leave us not, O Lord our God.—(*Jeremiah xiv. 7*).

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers ; neither take thou vengeance of our sins : spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious Blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

Spare us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance, to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances ; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to thy holy Word.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Let us make an act of Contrition (*to be said all together*)—

Turn thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, be favourable to thy people, who turn to thee in weeping, fasting, and praying. For thou art a merciful God, full of compassion, longsuffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment, and in thy wrath thinkest upon mercy. Spare thy people, good Lord, spare them, and let not thine heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for thy mercy is great, and after the multitude of thy mercies look upon us ; through the merits and mediation of thy Blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ant. Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee : hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.

PSALM XXV. 5-9.

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies : and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.

O remember not the sins and offences of my youth : but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

Gracious and righteous is the Lord : therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement : and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth : unto such as keep his covenant, and his testimonies.

Repeat Antiphon all together.

V. Turn us then, O God our Saviour :

R. And let thine anger cease from us.

Let us pray.

O Lord, we beseech thee, favourably to hear the prayers of thy people, that we who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy Name ; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

Or one of the following.

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved ; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

We beseech thee, Almighty God, of thy manifold and great mercy to turn away the heavy wrath of thy displeasure from this thy people and thy holy habitation, for we have sinned against thee ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, the Ruler of all kingdoms and kings, who by smiting healest us, and by forgiving preservest us : extend unto us thy mercy, that we may use for our remedy and correction the peace and quietness established by thy power ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III. Those in Authority in the Navy and Army.

Let us pray—

For the Lords of the Admiralty.

For the Admirals in command, and all who hold posts of authority in the Navy.

For the Army Council.

For the Commander-in-Chief, and all general officers in command of our land forces.

That to all of these may be given wisdom, guidance, a pure intention, unity of purpose, and a successful issue, if it be God's will.

Ant. Lord, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works in us.

PSALM XX.

The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble: the Name of the God of Jacob defend thee;

Send thee help from the sanctuary: and strengthen thee out of Sion;

Remember all thy offerings: and accept thy burnt-sacrifice;

Grant thee thy heart's desire: and fulfil all thy mind.

We will rejoice in thy salvation, and triumph in the Name of the Lord our God: the Lord perform all thy petitions.

Now know I, that the Lord helpeth his Anointed, and will hear him from his holy heaven: even with the wholesome strength of his right hand.

Some put their trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the Name of the Lord our God.

They are brought down, and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright.

Save, Lord, and hear us, O king of heaven: when we call upon thee.

Repeat Antiphon all together.

V. The Lord sitteth above the water floods:

R. The Lord remaineth a King for ever.

Let us pray.

O Lord, who never failest to help and govern them whom thou dost bring up in thy steadfast fear and love: keep, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, those for whom we desire to pray, and make

them to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or one of the following.

O Lord, from whom all good things do come : grant to thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration they may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same ; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

We beseech thee, O Lord, that all those to whom thou hast given positions of influence may praise thee in their lives, honour thee with their wealth, and induce others by their example to seek for that incorruptible inheritance which thy beloved Son will give to all who have followed him in meekness and purity and faith ; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

IV. All those who influence Thought by their Writings and their Words, especially for all Newspaper editors, public speakers, and literary men.

Let us pray—

That they may have wisdom, self-restraint, and guidance.

Ant. There are diversities of operations : but it is the same God that worketh all in all.

PSALM XV.

Lord, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle : or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?

Even he, that leadeth an uncorrupt life : and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart.

He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour : and hath not slandered his neighbour.

He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes : and maketh much of them that fear the Lord.

He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not : though it were to his own hindrance.

He that hath not given his money upon usury : nor taken reward against the innocent.

Whoso doeth these things : shall never fall.

Repeat Antiphon all together.

V. The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man :

R. To profit withal.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who dost in divers ways inspire the children of men ; direct and guide all authors and journalists, that their labours may bear fruit in the advancement of truth, the furtherance of righteousness, and the increase of holiness ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or,

O Almighty God, who in divers measures hast inspired men to study and record the revelations of thy truth ; direct the labours of scientists, authors, and journalists towards the advancement of truth, the furtherance of righteousness, and the deepening of holiness among all whom they influence ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Sursum Corda.)

THURSDAY

“Give us this day our daily bread.”

I. The Wounded and the Sick : whether our own or of the enemy.

Let us pray

That their pain may be relieved.

That all suffering may be sanctified to them.

That they may be given patience, courage and hope.

That they may be brought to true repentance. ✓

That, when possible, they may be comforted by the ministrations of the Church, and strengthened by the Sacraments.

Also, for those who are uncared for ;

for the missing ;

for the interned ;

for prisoners.

Ant. Our light affliction, which is but for a moment :
worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight
of glory.

PSALM LXXXVI. 1-7.

Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me : for I am poor, and
in misery.

Preserve thou my soul, for I am holy : my God, save thy servant
that putteth his trust in thee.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord : for I will call daily upon thee.

Comfort the soul of thy servant : for unto thee, O Lord, do I
lift up my soul.

For thou, Lord, art good and gracious : and of great mercy unto
all them that call upon thee.

Give ear, Lord, unto my prayer : and ponder the voice of my
humble desires.

In the time of my trouble I will call upon thee : for thou
hearest me.

Repeat Antiphon all together.

V. Before I was troubled, I went wrong :

R. But now have I kept my word.

Let us pray.

Have mercy, O Lord, upon the wounded and the suffering, whether of our own people and our Allies, or of the enemy. Let thy grace be their comfort, although natural friends be far away. Raise them up to health if it be good ; but chiefly give them such faith and patience that they may glorify thee upon the earth, and, escaping safe from the assaults of Satan, may rest in peace, and rise to partake of thy glory : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or the following.

Ant. He that taketh not his cross and followeth after me : is not worthy of me.

PSALM CXIX. 65-72.

O Lord, thou hast dealt graciously with thy servant : according unto thy word.

O learn me true understanding and knowledge : for I have believed thy commandments.

Before I was troubled, I went wrong : but now have I kept thy word.

Thou art good and gracious : O teach me thy statutes.

The proud have imagined a lie against me : but I will keep thy commandments with my whole heart.

Their heart is as fat as brawn : but my delight hath been in thy law.

It is good for me that I have been in trouble : that I may learn thy statutes.

The law of thy mouth is dearer unto me : than thousands of gold and silver.

Repeat Antiphon all together.

V. In all these things we are more than conquerors :

R. Through him that loved us.

Let us pray.

O God of all grace, who hast called us into thine eternal glory in Christ : look mercifully upon thy servants, and after that they have suffered a little while, make them perfect, stablish, strengthen, and settle them ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(Sursum Corda.)

Or,

Good Jesu, physician of souls and bodies, make all sickness a healing medicine to the soul : soothe by thy presence each ache and pain ; hallow all sufferings by thine all-holy sufferings, and teach sufferers to unite their sufferings with thine, to be hallowed by thine ; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Sursum Corda.)

II. The Dying.

Let us pray

That they may omit nothing that is necessary to make their peace with God before they die.

That, when possible, they may be strengthened by the most Blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ.

That God will remember and accept the offering of their lives to him for their country.

Ant. To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of Life : which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

PSALM XXIII.

The Lord is my shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture : and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul : and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for thou art with me ; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me : thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Repeat Antiphon all together.

V. Greater love hath no man than this :

R. That a man lay down his life for his friends.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who in thy last agony didst commend thy spirit into the hands of thy heavenly Father; have mercy upon all sick and dying persons, and grant that they may omit nothing which is necessary to make their peace with thee before they die; deliver them, O Lord, from the malice of the devil and from all sin and evil, and grant them a happy end; who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

Or,

O most merciful Lord, who dost so love the souls that thou hast made, that thou wouldest not the death of any sinner, but that all should be converted and live: we pray thee, by thy dying agony upon the Cross, to look with the eyes of thy mercy upon all the sinners in this world who are now in their agony, and all who must soon die and be called upon to appear before thee their Judge. Purify them by thy Precious Blood, and forgive them all their sins; who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

III. The Homeless and Destitute.

Let us pray

For all refugees.

For all who are anxious about those they love, whether wounded, sick, or missing.

For those who are mourning the loss of friends and relatives.

For members of the professional class who are in poverty or unemployment through the war.

For all missionaries overseas, who are suffering through the war.

Let us pray that their sorrow may be turned into joy, and that they may learn to accept suffering gladly, in the power of the Cross.

Ant. Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests: but the Son of Man hath not where to lay his head.

PSALM LXI.

Hear my crying, O God : give ear unto my prayer.

From the ends of the earth will I call upon thee : when my heart is in heaviness.

O set me up upon the rock that is higher than I : for thou hast been my hope, and a strong tower for me against the enemy.

I will dwell in thy tabernacle for ever : and my trust shall be under the covering of thy wings.

For thou, O Lord, hast heard my desires : and hast given an heritage unto those that fear thy Name.

Thou shalt grant the King a long life : that his years may endure throughout all generations.

He shall dwell before God for ever : O prepare thy loving mercy and faithfulness, that they may preserve him.

So will I always sing praise unto thy Name : that I may daily perform my vows.

Repeat Antiphon all together.

V. The Lord careth for the strangers :

R. He defendeth the fatherless and widow.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who when on earth hadst not where to lay thine head ; have mercy upon those who are in poverty and distress. Be thou their comforter ; minister to their bodily necessities ; supply their wants while they dwell upon earth ; and bring them to that eternal Kingdom where there are no tears, neither sorrow nor crying ; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. *Amen.*

Or the following.

Ant. The God of all grace, who hath called you unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

PSALM XIII.

How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord, for ever : how long wilt thou hide thy face from me ?

How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be so vexed in my heart : how long shall mine enemies triumph over me ?

Consider, and hear me, O Lord my God : lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death.

Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him : for if I be cast down, they that trouble me will rejoice at it.

But my trust is in thy mercy : and my heart is joyful in thy salvation.

I will sing of the Lord, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me : yea, I will praise the Name of the Lord most Highest.

Repeat Antiphon all together.

V. When I was in trouble, I called upon the Lord :
R. And he heard me.

Father of mercies, be merciful,
Thou refuge of the solitary :

Succour the widows,
Shelter the orphans,
Cheer the afflicted,
Rejoice the sad,
Solace the lonely,
Enhearten the desperate,

We beseech thee, grant it, O Lord.

Amen.

(Sursum Corda.

IV. All who are Ministering to the Wounded and the Suffering.

Let us pray—

For all doctors and nurses, the Army medical service,
and the Navy medical staff, that they may have
endurance and patience, skill and gentleness, in
the healing of pain and sorrow.

For those who wish to be of use, that they may be
shown how they may best help.

For all nurses, and others who are working in
hospitals and elsewhere, that they may have
sympathy and understanding of the needs, bodily
and spiritual, of those under their care.

Ant. Himself took our infirmities : and bare our
sicknesses.

PSALM LXI. 1-3.

Blessed is he that considereth the poor and needy : the Lord
shall deliver him in the time of trouble.

The Lord preserve him, and keep him alive, that he may be
blessed upon earth : and deliver not thou him into the will of his
enemies.

The Lord comfort him, when he lieth sick upon his bed : make thou all his bed in his sickness.

Repeat Antiphon all together.

V. Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren :

R. Ye did it unto me.

Let us pray.

O Good Jesu, who wilt say, " Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me " ; look upon those of thy servants who have been called by thee to tend thy sick and suffering children. Give them patience and tenderness, wisdom and truthfulness, and the special guidance of thy Holy Spirit in their work ; so that, in thee and for thee, they may faithfully minister to those to whom thou shalt send them, and may be found worthy at the last to receive the eternal reward which thou hast promised, for thine own merit's sake. *Amen.*

Or the following.

Ant. The sufferings of this present time : are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

PSALM XCI. 1-8.

Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the most High : shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my strong hold : my God, in him will I trust.

For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter : and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers : his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night : nor for the arrow that flieth by day ;

For the pestilence that walketh in darkness : nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.

A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand : but it shall not come nigh thee.

Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold : and see the reward of the ungodly.

Repeat Antiphon all together.

V. He healeth those that are broken in heart :

R. And giveth medicine to heal their sickness.

Let us pray.

O God, the ruler of all kings and peoples, whose chastisement is our healing, and whose pity is our salvation: extend to us thy compassion, that peace, restored at thy will, may be used for our amendment to the honour of thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FRIDAY

“Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us.”

I. The Nation, and all Classes of Men in it.

Let us pray—

For a spirit of self-sacrifice.

For our young men, that they may offer themselves willingly to fight for their country.

For the breaking down of selfishness and cowardice.

For the rooting out of a mercenary and money-loving spirit.

For unselfish devotion to king and country for those who are obliged to stay at home, that they may serve according to their ability.

Ant. Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone : but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

PSALM LIV. 1-5.

Save me, O God, for thy Name's sake : and avenge me in thy strength.

Hear my prayer, O God : and hearken unto the words of my mouth.

For strangers are risen up against me : and tyrants, which have not God before their eyes, seek after my soul.

Behold, God is my helper : the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

He shall reward evil unto mine enemies : destroy thou them in thy truth.

Repeat Antiphon all together.

V. Right dear in the sight of the Lord:

R. Is the death of his saints.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the Cross, who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

Or one of the following prayers may be used.

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let thy mercy, O Lord, we beseech thee, rest upon this nation. Be favourable and gracious to this land. Endue all orders and degrees of men amongst us, and especially our governours in Church and State, with those graces and virtues which may enable them to discharge their several trusts in such a manner as will be most for thine honour and glory, and for the peace and prosperity of this Church and nation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord, bless this kingdom,
that religion and virtue
may season all sorts of men;
that there may be peace within the gates,
and plenty within the palaces of it.
We beseech thee so to preserve it in peace
that it corrupt not;
in war so defend it that it suffer not;
in plenty so order it that it riot not;
in want so pacify and moderate it
that it may patiently and peaceably seek thee,
the only full supply both of men and states;
that so it may continue a place and a people
to do thee service to the end of time.

Amen.

(Sursum Corda.)

II. The Rich.

Let us pray for the rich

That they may not heap up riches unjustly ;
That they may remember the duties involved in the possession of property ;

That they may rightly use social influence, and money ;

That they may use their leisure unselfishly ; and that none may live in mere pleasure, luxury, or idleness.

That they may recognise and use this opportunity of simplifying their way of living.

That they may welcome the chance of drawing nearer to those poorer than themselves in this world's goods.

Ant. How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of heaven !

PSALM XXVII. 4-7.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require : even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle : yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

And now shall he lift up mine head : above mine enemies round about me.

Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness : I will sing, and speak praises unto the Lord.

Repeat Antiphon all together.

V. Blessed are the poor in spirit :

R. For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Let us pray.

O Almighty God, pardon the luxury of our age, and grant that those who live in ease or luxury may be brought so to hunger and thirst after righteousness that they may be filled with thine everlasting refreshments, and may not be shut out from the eternal home which thou hast provided for such as wait upon thee in holiness ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III. The Bettering of Social Conditions.

Let us pray

For a deeper sense of responsibility amongst employers of labour, directors, and shareholders.

For the peaceful settling of labour disputes.

For wisdom and guidance for those whose duty it is to arbitrate.

For all who labour with their hands, that they may learn the dignity of their work, and may do it for God.

For the improvement of the conditions under which some are forced to live and work.

For a better understanding between employers and employed.

Ant. Blessed are ye poor : for yours is the kingdom of heaven.

PSALM XXVII. 1-7.

The Lord is my light, and my salvation ; whom then shall I fear : the Lord is the strength of my life ; of whom then shall I be afraid ?

When the wicked, even mine enemies, and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh : they stumbled and fell.

Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid : and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require : even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle : yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

And now shall he lift up mine head : above mine enemies round about me.

Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness : I will sing, and speak praises unto the Lord.

Repeat Antiphon all together.

V. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness :

R. And all these things shall be added unto you.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast pronounced a blessing upon the poor, grant that none may forfeit it nor miss thy heavenly kingdom, but reward them both here and hereafter with thine unfailing heavenly riches, through thy mercy, who art God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

O God, who art the father of all mankind, we beseech thee to give us a fuller realization of our brotherhood, man with man, in thee, and raise up among us a deeper sense of truth and equity in commercial dealings one with another. Give grace, O Lord, to servants, that they may do their work heartily, as unto thee and not unto men; to masters, that they may give to those who labour that which is just and equal, as having themselves a master in heaven; to all, that they may be united in the common service of the Lord Christ, and receive of thee the reward of the inheritance; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

IV. Our Soldiers who are being trained at Home.

Let us pray

That their religious life may be deepened.

That opportunities for learning the Faith may be given to them.

That they may be upheld in a spirit of self-sacrifice and self-devotion.

That bodily strength and health may be given to them.

That they may be kept safe in the midst of temptation.

That they may be pure, and temperate.

That those who have led others into sin may be brought to penitence.

That life in camp may be wisely ordered, and temptations removed as far as possible.

That a blessing may rest on all that is being done in the work of rescuing the fallen, and reclaiming the intemperate.

Ant. Watch ye; stand fast in the faith: quit you like men; be strong.

PSALM CXIX. 103-109.

O how sweet are thy words unto my throat : yea, sweeter than honey unto my mouth.

Through thy commandments I get understanding : therefore I hate all evil ways.

Thy word is a lantern unto my feet : and a light unto my paths.

I have sworn, and am stedfastly purposed : to keep thy righteous judgements.

I am troubled above measure : quicken me, O Lord, according to thy word.

Let the free-will offerings of my mouth please thee, O Lord : and teach me thy judgements.

My soul is always in my hand : yet do I not forget thy law.

Repeat Antiphon all together.

℣. Fight the good fight of faith :

℞. Lay hold on eternal life.

Let us pray.

O Lord of Hosts, bless our soldiers and sailors ; keep them pure and loyal amid all their temptations ; and grant that their struggles may tend to peace on earth ; that, war being done away, they may fight only in their Christian conflict against sin, the world, and the devil, and triumph therein by thy victorious might, O Lord, thou God of Hosts. *Amen.*

(Sursum Corda.)

Or one of the following.

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life : grant us, we beseech thee, that having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as he is pure ; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom, where, with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

Almighty God, that shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness : grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that

they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil ; and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee, the only God ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SATURDAY

“Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

I. Our Enemies.

Let us pray—

For those of our enemies who are looking for justice and freedom, and striving to follow after charity.

For the driving away of the evil passions of hatred and bitterness amongst them, as amongst ourselves.

For the pardoning of all our intolerance.

For pardon of the cruelty, ambition, and pride, which have led to the present evil.

For the comforting of the anxious, the sick, and the suffering.

For the breaking down of all that hinders freedom and progress in the world.

For the crushing out of the pride and ambition which hinder the right development of mankind.

For the cessation of international jealousy and distrust.

For the accomplishment of the divine purpose for the world.

Ant. Thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle : thou shalt throw down mine enemies under me.

PSALM LXVIII. 1-6.

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered : let them also that hate him flee before him.

Like as the smoke vanisheth, so shalt thou drive them away : and like as wax melteth at the fire, so let the ungodly perish at the presence of God.

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God : let them also be merry and joyful.

O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his Name : magnify him

that rideth upon the heavens, as it were upon an horse ; praise him in his Name JAH, and rejoice before him.

He is a Father of the fatherless, and defendeth the cause of the widows : even God in his holy habitation.

He is the God that maketh men to be of one mind in an house, and bringeth the prisoners out of captivity : but letteth the runagates continue in scarceness.

Repeat Antiphon all together.

℣. Thou shalt save the people that are in adversity :

℟. And shalt bring down the high looks of the proud.

Let us pray.

O God, we beseech thee, forgive our enemies all their sins against thee, and give us such grace that for their hatred we may love them ; for their cursing we may bless them ; for their injuriousness we may do them good ; for their persecution we may pray for them. Grant this for the sake of him who died for us, thy Son, our Saviour. *Amen.*

Or one of the following.

Look down, O Lord, upon all parts of the earth that are full of darkness and cruel habitations ; break the power of the oppressor, and deliver his victims ; and unite them together in a common submission to thy most gentle and easy yoke, O Lord of tenderness and pity ; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O Christ, the Son of God, who didst bear the revilings of unbelieving men when they carried thee away to judgment, hear our prayer, and shew thy power, we beseech thee, towards the enemies of thy holy religion ; that they who persecute thee daily in thy members, being converted to the mystery of the faith, may gratefully acknowledge along with us that thou wast delivered for the ungodly, and that the unrighteous may attain to righteousness by the glory of thy Passion ; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

II. That the outcome of the War may be the deepening of our penitence, and the growth of true religion amongst us.

Let us pray—

That we may be led to deeper thankfulness for God's blessings in the past.

That we may have true humility for our many failures.

That we may be brought to deeper penitence for our national sins, and our neglect of God's service.

That we may turn to God with our whole heart, and glorify him by a willing obedience.

That the Holy Spirit may be our Guide in the years that are to come.

That in our national and social life we may realize our great responsibilities.

That the people of this land may willingly share the burdens and accept the responsibilities of our national life.

That all self-seeking and petty self-assertion may be rooted out from us.

That with all our heart and mind we may work together for the common good.

That all those whose hearts have been softened through sorrow may be drawn closer to God, and may seek the City "which hath foundations."

Ant. The Lord hath chastened and corrected me : but he hath not given me over unto death.

PSALM CXVIII. 5-12.

I called upon the Lord in trouble : and the Lord heard me at large.

The Lord is on my side : I will not fear what man doeth unto me.

The Lord taketh my part with them that help me : therefore shall I see my desire upon mine enemies.

It is better to trust in the Lord : than to put any confidence in man.

It is better to trust in the Lord : than to put any confidence in princes.

All nations compassed me round about : but in the Name of the Lord will I destroy them.

They kept me in on every side, they kept me in, I say, on every side : but in the Name of the Lord will I destroy them.

They came about me like bees, and are extinct even as the fire among the thorns : for in the Name of the Lord I will destroy them.

Repeat Antiphon all together.

V. We went through fire and water :

R. And thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

Let us pray.

O God, who in the past hast blest our nation so abundantly and so far beyond our deservings ; grant that, taught by thy present chastisements, we may be led to true penitence for our many sins and our grievous neglect of thee and of thy service ; that so, turning to thee with all our heart, we may henceforth glorify thee by our faithful performance of thy holy will ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Holy Spirit of God, by whose guidance alone we think right things and follow straight paths ; grant that, through the lessons taught us by this war, we may more fully realize our responsibilities as citizens of this realm, and may be led to a more serious fulfilment of our duties ; so that all may work together with one heart and mind for the common good, to thy glory and the well-being of the whole nation ; who with the Father and the Son livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Or the following may be used.

Ant. It is good for me that I have been in trouble : that I may learn thy statutes.

PSALM CXXX.

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord : Lord, hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well : the voice of my complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss : O Lord, who may abide it ?

For there is mercy with thee : therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for the Lord ; my soul doth wait for him : in his word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord : before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy :
and with him is plenteous redemption.
And he shall redeem Israel : from all his sins.

Repeat Antiphon all together.

V. They that sow in tears :
R. Shall reap in joy.

Let us pray.

O God, who bringest the light out of darkness ; grant that those on whom this war has laid the burden of sorrow may thereby be drawn closer to thee, and may set their affections firmly on things above ; so that, in the time to come, they may serve thee with a perfect heart ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III. For the Souls of the Faithful Departed (especially those who have fallen in the War).

Ant. All that the Father giveth me shall come to me :
and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

PSALM CXXI.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills : from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord : who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved : and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel : shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper : the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand ;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day : neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil : yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in : from this time forth for evermore.

Repeat Antiphon all together.

V. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord :

R. And let light perpetual shine upon them.

V. For thou, O God, hast proved us :

R. Thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.

- V. I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord :
R. In the land of the living.
V. Lord, hear our prayer :
R. And let our cry come unto thee.
V. The Lord be with you :
R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Almighty, eternal God, to whom there is never any prayer made without hope of mercy ; be merciful to the souls of thy servants departed from this world in the confession of thy Name ; that they may be associate to the company of thy saints ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or one of the following.

We commend unto thee, O Lord, the souls of thy servants — and of all the faithful departed, that, being dead to this world, they may live to thee ; and whatsoever sins they have contracted through the frailty of their conversation in this world, do thou in thy most merciful pity wipe away : for thine own sake, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O God, the Lord of all mercy and forgiveness, grant unto the souls of thy servants — a time of refreshing, a quiet resting place, and the glory of light everlasting ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord, bow thine ears unto our prayers wherein we devoutly call upon thy mercy : that thou wilt bestow the souls of thy servants, which thou hast commanded to depart from this world, in the country of rest and peace, and cause them to be made partners with thy holy ones ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Note.—The commendatory prayer, in the service for the Visitation of the Sick (Book of Common Prayer), might also be used, down to the words, “without spot before Thee.”

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